

At Home Weekly is designed for you to use during the week with your son or daughter. You'll find out what they learned today at church and can help them prepare for next week by exploring the theme (or Ponder Point) and spending time together in God's Word.

WHAT WE LEARNED THIS WEEK

GOD IS VICTORIOUS

David and Goliath

1 Samuel 16—17

God gives a David victory over Goliath.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

GOD IS SOVEREIGN

King David

2 Samuel 2; 5—7

God calls David to lead His people as a shepherd king.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- David was so overcome with love and respect for the God who had given him and his people rest from their enemies that he wanted to give God a gift of gratitude: a house for Him to dwell in.
- God approved of David's intentions but did not allow David to build a house for Him.
- God promised something much greater than David could have imagined and said that Jesus Christ, the Savior of all mankind, would come through David's family line.
- This promise is called the Davidic covenant.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

With your kids, build a tent out of sheets and chairs. Explain to your children that, in David's time, God met with His people inside a tent (in this case, where the ark of the covenant was stored). Crawl inside your tent and read the biblical account of the Davidic covenant in **2 Samuel 7:1–16**. Share with your children that what they just heard is part of The Big God Story, and that they will learn more about this at church this week.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- Why didn't God want David to build Him a house?
- What did God promise David?
- How does it make you feel to know that God keeps His promises?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how God is Sovereign into your everyday life as a family.

REMEMBER VERSE

The Remember Verse focuses on a character trait of God that's highlighted in next week's portion of The Big God Story.

**How abundant are the good things that you have stored up
for those who fear you, that you bestow in the sight of all,
on those who take refuge in you.
Psalm 31:19**

BLESSING

Blessings are often used in the Bible. A blessing can be a prayer of commission, a portion of Scripture, or words to encourage and guide.

A blessing to pray over your child:

(Child's name), **may you know God as your all-powerful King—the One who is seated in the heavenly realms, far above all earthly rulers.**

For more information about blessing your child, talk to your ministry leader or see *Spiritual Parenting* by Michelle Anthony.